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A Just Display of the Union of JACOBITES, MALECONTENTS, REPUBLICANS, and FALSE FRIENDS, with an ATTAINTED OLD TRAITOR, to revile the Ministry; impose upon the People; set aside the Succession; and bring in the PRETENDER.

Being intended as

A full and final Answer to the impious Invektives of a FACTION, whose Designs are big with National Calamities; and evidently calculated to destroy the present happy Establishment in Britain.

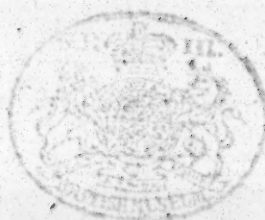
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THE *State of Things* in our *sublunary World* has often, *not unfitly*, been compared to that of the *Air*: Sometimes, there is a *sweet Serenity* through the whole *Hemisphere*; at other *Times*, the *Face of Heaven* is *black* with *Clouds*; and *disturb'd* by *dreadful Fulminations*; which raise a kind of *War* in the *elementary world*.— Thus is it with us: Sometimes we are in full *Possession* of the *inestimable Blessings* of *Tranquillity* and *Peace*: At other *Times*,

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FACTIONOUS HEATS and ANIMOSITIES, like the PLAGUE, *infect* our *Conversations*, and *throw* us into *Disorder*.

And, as the *Commutations* of the *upper Region* are owing to *Exhalations*, drawn chiefly out of *Jakes*, and the like *infectious Places*; and are usually foreseen by the rolling of *Clouds* and *malevolent Conjunctions*; so all our *Disturbances* and *Uneasinesses* in BRITAIN, to *confine it there*, have taken their Rise from the *Ill-humours* that possess the *wicked Minds* of *Incendiaries*; who *aspire* without *Desert*; *rail* without *Reason*; and would *throw* the *Kingdom* into a *Flame* to *warm themselves* by the *Heat* of it: Who *disperse* their *causeless Fears* and *Jealousies* thro' the Nation, in *hopes* of *dividing us*, in order to *destroy us*.

We are fallen into those *Dregs* of *Time*, when all the *sacred Tyes* to our *Sovereign*, are as *loose* as our *Manners*; and, in which that *generous Integrity*, and *unaffected Loyalty*, which was at once the *Character* and *Glory* of *Englishmen*, are *vanish'd*; and we seem to *prize* ourselves on a *Disobedience* of the *Laws*, and a *Contempt* of our *Superiors*:—All *sad Symptoms* of a *degenerate People*; and of *approaching Destruction*; which *God* avert.

Among the *vicious Humours* of the *Age*; none is more *dangerous*, or more to be
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abhorr'd, than the *asperſing* of ILLUSTRIOUS PERSONS; and *endeavouring* to bring MAJESTY itſelf into *Contempt*; which is *no leſs* than *attempting* to break all the *Bands* of *Civil Society*; to *dissolve* our *ſocial Happineſs*; and *throw* us into a *State* of *Barbariſm* and *Wretchedneſs*.

And, yet, this is now carry'd to ſuch an *execrable Height*, that he is accounted the *worthieſt* and *ſtanchest Man* of the *Party*, who is moſt *abusive*; and whoſe *odious, undeſerved Calumnies* wound deepeſt: Who can *STAB* the *Innocent*, and look *another Way*, as if he was *wholly unconcerned* in the *Miſchief*.

Now were theſe the *vile* and *ſcandalous Practices* of an INFAMOUS MAN only, whom *all Europe* knows for his great *Wickedneſs*, and from whom *no better* could be *expected*; *Contempt* and *Neglect* might be a *proper Return*: But the *Diſtemper* having gain'd *Footing* among *ſome*, who are more *capable* of *ſpreading* its *baneful Influences*, 'tis Time to ſtop the *Gangreen*, before the *Body* of the *People* are *infected*, and grow *sick* of their *Proſperity*.

To *fear God*, and *honour the King*, are our *indispensable Duty*: They are put together, *becauſe*, next our *Duty* towards *God*, it greatly concerns our *Peace*, and *Happineſs*, to be *punctual* in our *Loyalty* to

the KING, and in our *Obedience* to his *Government*; for our *Peace* and *Safety*, being *wrapt up* in the *Welfare* of a *Protestant Prince*, and the *Prosperity* of the *Laws*, 'tis our *Wisdom* and *Interest* to be *true* to *both*; and to bear a *just Abhorrence* of all *seditious Members*, who would weaken the *HEAD*, under *Pretence* of *strengthening* the *BODY*; who would *persuade us*, that to *traduce* his *Majesty*, is the way to make his *Reign*, and our *Lives*, happy; and that to *encroach* upon *Prerogative*, is the *best way* to *support* the *GRANDEUR* of the *CROWN*; and to render *THREE KINGDOMS* *prosperous*.

These are some of the *abominable Fal-lacies*, which an *invenom'd Set* of Men among us are putting upon the *fickle* and *injudicious Populace*, with *Design* to *lessen* their *Sovereign's rightful Power*, and lodge it in *themselves*; and therefore it ought to be every *honest Man's Concern* to *oppose* such *wicked Antimonarchical Principles* and *Practices*, and to strive to convince the *Deceiv'd*, by *Truth* and the *Reason* of Things, that we cannot be *happy* ourselves, unless the KING is so; that to *obey HIM*, to *honour him conscientiously*, and to *love him heartily*, is both our *Duty* and *Advantage*; whereas, to *cast off* that *Reverence* he has a *just Right* to, to *misconstrue* his *Actions*,

Actions, to traduce his Counsels, to suspect his Integrity; and, if it were possible, to render him cheap and insignificant, which is the Course our now-conciliated Patriots have been long steering, is, with our own Hands, to be tearing our Peace, our Government, and our ALL, to PIECES.

'Tis pretty much the State of our Case in Britain, that we are *seldom or never found to be prosperous and peaceable, or safe and contented, at the same time; but how desirable soever our Condition is, we are no sooner in Possession of it, but we grow satiated and wanton with Prosperity; and seem to long for a Change; a few seditious Chimæra's, or Suspicions of feign'd Dangers, ARTFULLY spread, will, at any time, occasion such Heats, and Heart-burnings, amongst us, as if we were determin'd to bring that Destruction upon ourselves, which is not to be fear'd from the Swords of our Enemies.*

How much is this, our *unhappy fickle Temper, to be lamented? And how much is it to be attributed to an unhappy Mixture of Interests; and to the seditious Inclinations of a sullen, froward, Set of People among us, of all Qualities, but good ones, who are incessant in their Labours to destroy the good Understanding between the KING and his SUBJECTS; whose mutual Agree-*
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ment is the *Safety* of the *Kingdom*, and the *Terror* of its *Enemies*.

Some of this *coagulated Crew* are for *no King at all*, but for setting up an *Idol*, they don't know well what, in the *room* of a *King*; they are for that *many-headed Monster* a *COMMON-WEALTH*, which has ever appear'd so *inconsistent* with the *Humour* of the *British Nation*, that they might as well attempt to persuade us that *Light* and *Darkness* is the *same*; as to go about either to *wheelde* or *force* us to *submit* to such a *Form*: Yet, however *unlikely* it is to expect the *People's Compliance*, they use their *utmost Endeavours* to promote it; they *justify* the *Murder* of *King Charles* the first, *reproach* *Monarchy*, traduce all *Kings*, slander all *Courts*; in hopes of *destroying*, or *weakening*, at least, the *Affections* of the *People* for them.

It, undoubtedly, will displease these *rank Republicans* to be coupled with *Jacobites*; and our *Malecontents*, and *pretended Friends*, to be join'd with them *both*; and *new Converts* to be linked with them *all*; however, in the *Cause* of the *King*, and our *Country*, which is *harrass'd* and *sawn* by this *Combination* against them, which, like *Beasts*, of *different sorts*, shut up together, forget their *natural Enmity* to *satiare* their *common Lusts*, and care not what kind

kind of *Monsters* are produced betwixt them, so their *brutal Appetites* are but *gratified*; in such a Case, we say, we value not what they can *say* or *do* against us. 'Tis an *ill Cause* that won't bear *examining*; and none are so much concerned at *Reflection*, as those that *deserve* them: Our Design is *honest*, and we *fear* no Man's *Displeasure* at it. — The *Farce*, now *acting*, is but an *old one* reviv'd; the *Actors*, under what *Disguise*, or in what *Dress* soever they may appear, are *Tools* in the Hands of the *Jacobites*; who, whilst they *inveigh* against *publick Management*, are *compounding* with the COURT at ROME, and *advancing* the *Interest* of the PRE-TENDER.

It would be *most injurious* to the People *in general*, to imagine they have any Views but of being *dutiful Subjects*; the *Affection* they have *constantly* shewn to *His Majesty*, and his *illustrious Family*, is a *convincing Evidence* that their *Fidelity* and *Loyalty* are not to be *shaken*.

Therefore, tho' we find the Word PEOPLE *incessantly* play'd against the Government, 'tis to *amuse* and *deceive* us; 'tis a *low Artifice*, always practis'd by FAC-TION, to make their *Cause* appear *popular*; and should be the *standing Subject* of our *Contempt*.

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No: The *Confederacy* against the Government is a *Groupe* of *Jacobites*, *Antimonarchialists*, *Incendiaries*; and an *inconsiderable handful*, more *hurtful*, than 'tis in the Power of the former to become, *new Converts*; and the *most hurtful* of all, FALSE FRIENDS.

The *sacred Records* tell us, that, by *their Works* you may know them; what can we think then when we see Men *haunt* a Court, only to *abuse* the Court! see them set up for *Patriots*, by sowing the *Seeds of Sedition!* taking *Aim* at their *Sovereign!* saying that *within Doors*; an *honest Man* dares not REPEAT *without Doors!* openly contending for an *abandon'd Licentiousness!* for *Liberty*, as 'tis call'd, of lessening the *just Power* of the *King!* What can we think of *these Proceedings*, but that they are like too much *Water* in a *Ship*; not to *succour*, but to *sink* it.

'Tis the *common Practice* of Mankind, when a *Society* *encroach* upon their *Neighbours*, to *confine* them, *if able*, within their *just Limits*; so when a *malignant Party* are *invading* the *Royal Authority*, they instruct the *Prince* to lay the *faster bold*; and more *assiduously* maintain the *Rights* of the *Crown*.—If *causeless Jealousies* make the *People start* from their *Obedience*, *Self-Preservation* will make him secure him-

himself against the *Effects* of *unreasonable Suspicions*, it will even *compel a Prince* to exert his *Prerogative*, when it begins to be *disputed* and *scandalously treated* of by those, who would *play the Members* against the *HEAD*, in order to the *Destruction* of the *whole Body*.

But, *God be praised*, we have a *King* upon the *Throne*, who *entertains* no *Suspicions* of his *Subjects*; and is resolved that his *Subjects* shall have no *Cause* of *Suspicions* of him; who gives us all the *legal Security* a *King* and *Parliament* can give, for preserving *inviolable*, the *Liberty* and *Happiness* of *Britain*: Why then should any *Men* attempt to deal ill by him, who has dealt so *friendly* by us? Why attempt an *Opposition* to his *Majesty*, who has never made use of *Power*, how *extensive* soever, but to *defend* and *protect* us?

Notwithstanding this, we have some among us, so *heart-sick* of *Britain's Prosperity*, that they use all *possible Ways* to *disturb* it; — The *KING*, a *Prince* of *incomparable Clemency*, continues to *forgive*, and *forget* the *boldest Injuries*: — By *Forbearance* and by many *Indulgencies* His *MAJESTY* has *strove* to gain upon their *implacable Tempers*, but *hitherto* in *vain*; being *hardned* against all *Indications* of his *Goodness*; they are still *misrepresenting* his

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Actions ; and *promoting Sedition*, in hopes, that *at length*, FACTION may grow too hard for the *Establishment*.

Publick Good and the *Liberty* of the Subject, are *excellent Words*, when they are *honestly* used ; but *sedition* Men often use them to taint our *Allegiance*. And that this is the *Design* now on foot, will appear by taking a View of the *Liberty* that is contending for by this *motley Mixture* : This *Liberty* is not a *Freedom* from *arbitrary Impositions*, *illegal Exactions*, and other *ill Effects* of a *despotick Power* ; for these things are not pretended : No, but 'tis rather an abandon'd *Licentiousness* of saying, and doing what they please, that is struggling for. Not the *Liberty* that our Fore-fathers fought for, that was bounded by the *Laws* of Order and *publick Good* ; but a *Liberty* of Contention, a *Liberty* of publishing *malicious Suggestions*, and *false Representations* of things, that may be *serviceable* to FACTION ! A *Liberty* to *affront* the KING, to *encroach* upon his *Prerogative*, to *lessen* his *Power*, and *subject* the Rights of *Sovereignty*, to the *Caprice* of every *impertinent Intruder* into *publick Affairs* ; and a *Liberty* of *improving* and *practising* upon our *Fears* and *Passions*, till they have worked us up to *Desperation* and *Madness* ; and therefore the best way
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to shield our selves from the *Danger* and *Delusion*, is to judge of the *Designs* by the *Men* that promote them ; for all the *Arts* employ'd by our *known Enemies*, tho' never so *artificially disguis'd* under the specious Terms of *good Offices* to the *Publick*, are but the *Impositions* of *Knaves*, to gain upon the *credulous Mob*, and advance their *own Party* ; and for that reason, when we see *Men* seiz'd with an *unusual Fit* of *Kindness* for their *Country*, and appear to act contrary to their former avow'd *Principles* and *Practice*, 'tis time to suspect a *Fraud*, and weigh their *Words* with their *Actions*, before we trust them further than consists with our *Safety* ; for the *Men* and their *Designs* can never be parted.

True Liberty is the *Glory* and *Happiness* of the *People* ; but that which is not bounded by the *Laws* of *Reason* and *Justice*, is the the greatest *Make-bate* in the *World*, and tends directly to the *Ruin* of the *Community*. *Liberty* perverted into a *Contention* for *Superiority*, as in our present *Case*, is but *trapping* and *deluding Men* into *real Slavery* ; catching them with *Words*, and decoying them into *Snares* ; and might, *if not timely prevented*, issue in the *Destruction* of *all our Liberties*.

Having thus a little considered the *Designs* of our *new-conciliated Patriots*, let us look into the *Causes* they assign to *justify* the *Measures* they are *pursuing*; and here we must *encounter* most *palpable Contradictions*.

They pretend a world of *Fears*, *Suspensions* and *Jealousies*, as the *Cause* of their *Clamour*; and yet in almost the *same Breath* they *confess*, that they have not the least *Apprehensions* of *Danger*, during *his Majesty's Reign*; so that by their own *Acknowledgment*, their *Fears*, their *Jealousies*, and *Suspensions*, are at present *foolish*, *causeless*, and *undeserv'd*.

'Tis too *just* a Character of the FACTION, that they are so given to *Falshood*, that one would imagine they had taken an *everlasting Farewell* of *Truth*: — What can be more *false*, or indeed *more foolish*, than *insinuating*, that the *King* is not in the *Interest* of *his People*! can there be a *greater Absurdity*! They might as well have said, that he was *divided from himself*: What has *his Majesty* not done, that might *convince* the *World*, that he never had any *other Intentions* than to preserve our *Religion*, *Laws*, and *Liberties*? It has been HIS MAJESTY'S *constant Endeavour* and *happy Attainment*, by a *mild*, a *judicious*, a *just Administration*, to *secure* the
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Prosperity and Peace of the Nation, at home and abroad.

Let these *Enemies* to their KING and Country, if they can, give us so much as a *single Instance*, wherein *his Majesty* has not been *just* to the *Constitution*! What *Law* has he *broken*, what *Rights* of the *People* has he *invaded*; what *new Pretences* of *Prerogative* have been *invented*; or wherein has HIS MAJESTY *stretched* those that are the *known*, the *allow'd Rights* of his *Crown*, to the *Prejudice* of his *Subjects*? What has been *omitted*, that might *conduce* to their *Happiness*? Did THE KING ever turn a *deaf Ear* to any *reasonable Petition*; did he ever deny *Justice* to the *lowest Subject*; or *refuse* to shew *Mercy* where it was *needful*? — NO: In *his Majesty*, they have *nothing* to *revile* but *his Virtues*; — these are a *Barrier* not to be forced by *FACTION*; *Hinc Illæ Lachrymæ*! THESE they *curse* and *blaspheme*.

How *unreasonably* do Men act, who would make *Conjectures* and *improbable Reports*, the *Ground* of *Suspensions* against a *Prince*, whose *whole Life* and *Actions* agree to confound all such *Pretences*; and yet such *wicked Men* are amongst us, who, notwithstanding all *his Majesty's Goodness*, raise; *evil Surmises*; and in, Breach of their
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Duty to God and Man, would feign persuade the World, that the KING is not in the *Interest* of his *People*; but this can only be, because *they themselves* are in no *Interest* but their OWN.

These *Incendiary-Patriots*, we say, who are *improving* and *practising* upon the *Disquietudes* they have raised, and the *ill-grounded Fears* of the *Populace*, would palliate the *Affronts* and *Indignities* they offer *his Majesty*, by declaring there is no *Danger* to be apprehended during his *Majesty's* *Reign*; to endeavour then to wound the King in his *Honour*; and to *lessen* his *Majesty* in the good *Esteem* of his *People*, not for *any* thing HIS MAJESTY *has* done; or that they fear he *will do* hereafter, is *Wickedness* in the *abstract*, and makes the whole of their Behaviour appear the *very Depth* of *Malice*.

'Tis an *Artifice* FACTION has often *practised* with *Success*, under Profession of the *highest Veneration* to *diminish* the *Person* they pretend to *magnify*.

'Tis true, 'tis prudent to prevent *ill Consequences*, by *early guarding* against what might *cause* them; and by smothering *Mischief* in *Embryo*; but to represent *Dangers* as *real*, which are only in *Imagination*; to act as if that was in *being*, which is as far distant as *many Generations*; to
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suspect a King on the Throne, for the *Faults* of a King that is yet *unborn*; and, from a *bear Possibility* of *Power* being ill employ'd, to carry ourselves as if it *was so*, can only be to *enflame* Mens Minds with *senseless*, *seditious*, and *treasonable* Suggestions.

A KING of Britain, a *hundred Years* hence *perhaps*, may be a TYRANT: must we therefore be *ungrateful* to the King in *being*, who, we own, *never has done*, and we believe, *never will do* us any thing but *Good*? It may happen, that a Prince, by the Exercise of a *despotick Power* in Britain, may, in some *future Age*, deprive his Subjects of their *Liberties*; must we therefore needs be *undutiful* to one of the *best of Princes*, that ever sat upon a Throne, who has had the *Goodness* to be the *constant, sacred Guardian* to HIS People of all the *Liberties* and *Privileges* they can possibly lay *any Claim* to? — We may be *wrong'd* by our *Enemies*, must we therefore *suspect* our *best Friends*? — This would be equal to the *Madness*, which would *burn* our Houses now, in *dread* of the *general Conflagration*.

But view the *Contradictions* of these People farther; *how full* are they of them! After they have lost their *vain Fears*, in the *Character* they themselves give us of the King, they would take *Shelter* under
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the *Danger* that *may* arise from the *Army*; and yet, after all the *rude* and *ungentlemanly Language* they give of both *Officers* and *Soldiers*, they confess, that what they have said against *Standing Armies*, they would be understood to mean to be against *such Standing Armies*, as have been *Instruments of Tyranny*, and of their *Country's Ruin*; and not against the present *Forces* in *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, which are raised and continued by *Consent of Parliament*, for the *Security* and *necessary Defence* of the *Kingdom*.

Since then, by their *own Confession*, there is *no Cause of Alarm* from the *Throne*, or from the *Army*; 'tis worth our farther Enquiry, what has rais'd all this *Dust*; and given Rise to such *wonderful Patriots*; our *upstart Zealots*, who, o'th' *jud-dain* are grown so *jealous* of the *Prerogative*, and fond of *Anarchy*, that they leave no Stone unturn'd, that may make for the *Nation's Confusion*, and their *own Advancement*?

To shew us, that their *Envy* and *Ambition* are not to be *satiated*, till they are in *Place*; or *ALL overturn'd*; they continue to *barangue* on those *never-failing Topicks*, *Corruption*, *Independency*, and *Mismanagements*; and, through the *Sides* of the *Minister*, strike at the *sacred Person* of the *King*;

King; for tho' they couch their Meaning in *ambiguous Terms*, 'tis intelligible enough: None but *His Majesty* has the Power of *choosing* and *changing* the *Ministry*; and they might, with *equal Modesty*, say, that the *King* was at the Head of a *Conspiracy* to introduce *Slavery*; as to say, that *he* appoints *Instruments* to accomplish it:—How then they will reconcile what they *do* say, either to the *Character* they give *His Majesty*, or to the *profound Respect* and *Duty* they pretend to pay *him*, is past Understanding.

We abhor the becoming Advocates for *ill Ministers*: They that know *who* are such, would do well to apply themselves where the *Discovery* will be *welcome*, and their *Mismanagement's* redressed:—The *FAC-TION*, perhaps, will tell us, that this is *none of their Business*; to which we cannot but say; they do *Ill* to concern themselves with it then:—'Tis *much less* their Duty to *rail*, and *clamour*, than to seek to *remedy* what *they know* is amiss; and, if they *know it not*, they are *much more* to blame to make the *Reputations* of the *Deserving* and *Worthy*, the Subject of *idle* or *envious Banter*.

There is a *weak Part* in the *Populace*, which *easily yields*, when assaulted, and which the *Seditious* always attack them

on:—They naturally love to hear great Men spoken Ill of, and are never better pleas'd than with *rancorous Invectives*, and *malicious Insinuations*, against their Superiors; which these *Incendiaries* know; and therefore they *misrepresent* every *Action* of the *Administration*; and supply their depraved *Appetites* with never-ceasing *Calumnies* and *Abuse*.

Ill Turns are given to *well-intended Designs*; and every *Trip* is magnify'd by *unjust Aggravations*; without making the least *Allowance* for the *innumerable Difficulties*, under which a *Ministry* labour from *different Parties*, *different Interests*, and *different Principles*; and especially from the *inexpressible Difficulty* of making *all these*, at *all Times*, both at *home* and *abroad*, subservient to the *Welfare* of the *general Interest*.

Were these Things but *impartially consider'd*, and with *due Regard* to the *Circumstances* of *Times*, and the *Necessities* of *Affairs*, how few *Complainers* would there be in *our Streets*? how few *Murmurers*, amongst *Men of Sense* in the Nation.

Not any *Government* upon Earth is so compleatly perfect, but *something* will be amiss; and some unhappy *Occasions* of *Complaint* will arise: But the ways by which our *Complainers* manage themselves,
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plainly discover their Design is not to rectify Disorders, but to countenance Clamours against the King and His Ministers.

An *honest* and a *sincere Intention* of *Publick Good*, would certainly put Men upon *considering a little* what *dangerous Lengths* such a *Conduēt* may carry them: The *History* of our own *Country* will abundantly supply them with *Instances* of *such Complainers* having kindled up a War; and brought on many a *doleful Tragedy* among us.

'Tis *often* impossible to know what these Men *mean* by what they *say*; for they take the Measure of *Good* and *Ill*, not from the *Nature* and *Tendency* of *publick Transactions*, but according as it may *best suit* their *sordid Interests* to represent it.

There is scarce a *Crime* to be thought of in reference to the *Publick*, but these *confidently* charge it on the *Ministry*; but keep the Proof in the *Clouds*. There is all the Reason in the World that *ill Ministers* should be *punished*, and he would be one of the worst of Men, that would palliate their *Faults*; but yet there is no Reason that any Men should be scandalized, and suffer upon the Account of *Clamour*, that has no other *Foundation*, but the Malice of those who are struggling for their *Places*. It is no Wonder to hear

the greatest *Worth* defamed, the wisest *Conduct* suspected, the profoundest *Wisdom* slighted, and *Persons* of the most exemplary *Virtue* evil spoken of. The envious *Eyes* of some *Men*, will for ever be disturb'd with a *Lustre* superior to their own.

'Tis great *Folly*, as well as great *Wickedness*, to think the worse of any *Man* for being envy'd, and evil spoken of; for 'tis most certain, that the wisest, and best, tho' others may, shall not escape *Censure*.—*Heavy Accusations*, and *Crimes* of the highest *Nature*, surely, ought to be well proved before they are believ'd or spread abroad.—If it be enough to be ACCUSED, where, in a high *Station*, was the *Man* ever found, who was INNOCENT.

We have heard, as we have said, of many *Crimes* laid to the Door of the present *Administration*, but never yet found one of them PROVED against them; and, therefore, since their *Defamers*, after all their tedious *Searches* and *Examinations*, have not been able to descry the *Dangers* they pretend to alarm us with, 'tis certainly sufficient Cause of *Presumption* that their *Suspensions* were false; that they find *Fault* merely for the sake of finding *Fault*; and that, like *Boys*, having blown up a *Bubble*, they are resolv'd to keep it up, as long as they have *Breath* to follow it.

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However, tho' we have not yet hit upon them, *Causes* certainly there are for the *Complaints* of these *worthy Gentlemen*; they are not *all* made for *nothing*; there can't be *all Smoak* and *no Fire*; and therefore, to be *just* to our *Readers*, we must bring *some of them* upon the Stage; and, *once for all*, give the *only Reasons*, why there are *so many*, and such *grievous Complaints*, from this Quarter, and 'tis the *only Quarter* they come from, against the *Ministry*.

Our *Malecontents* are under *various Disappointments*; they want *Places of Profit* and *Trust*; some who *rule*, and *preside*, among them, want a THOROUGH CHANGE; ANOTHER REVOLUTION: Many of them have very *tattered Fortunes*, and would fain be *repairing* them at the *Expence* of the *Publick*: ALL of them would have it in their *Power* to turn the *Balance* to their *Side*: Some have *execrable Vows* of *Destruction* to pursue; and, rather than not be able to *accomplish them*, would be glad to see us in *BLOOD* at *home* and *abroad*; the most *self-sufficient* in the *Confederacy*, long to be shewing their *moderate Capacities*, and *small Abilities*, in *doing nothing*, and *undoing all Things*: No wonder that *such as these* complain.

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THESE are the *excellent Patriots* in COALITION: THIS is the GLORIOUS UNION:—These are endeavouring to have it believ'd, that *all* must go to *Ruin* unless they are *employ'd*; tho' when their NOTIONS, for *Schemes* they never gave us any, come to be *examined*, they have always been found either *utterly impracticable*, or *dangerous* in the *Use*, and *destructive* in the *End*.

But notwithstanding the *Canaille* join in the *Cry*, and *eagerly* follow the *Chase*; without knowing what the *Game* is, their *Leaders* have *started*.

Noise and *Nonsense* are enough, at any time, to set all the *low Tools* of FACTION a *madding*; having *swallow'd* the *infectious Bait*, it *joons* operates with them; and now they are all *incessant* in their *Applauses* of these *Quacks*; they cry them up as the *only Physicians*; as the *only Statesmen* in the Kingdom.

But, to keep to the *Chiefs* of the *Party*, and, particularly, to such as seem to *pique* themselves upon being *lately* reckon'd of the number.—'Tis *unwarrantable*, and *wicked*, to expect to be *bought* by *profitable Employments*, from being *vexatious* and *troublesome* to the *Government*; and 'tis what is so far from being always *crown'd* with
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Success, that it *often* draws down *ruinous Consequences* upon their *own Heads* who attempt to rise by such *notorious Acts* as call their *Loyalty* in Question: If Men will be *dutiful* no longer than they are brib'd to it by *Preferments*, the *King* may be *injured*, and the *Publick* *suffer*, unless *His Majesty* had as many good *Places* in his *Gift*, as he has *angry* or *hungry Men* in his *Kingdom*.

If *these Gentlemen* would but consider, that, they have to do with a *PRINCE* who is not to be *bector'd* out of his *Favours*, they would give over *throwing Obstacles* in the *Way* of their own *Advancement*.

The *Envy* and *Obloquy* of these spare none for their *Worth*; the most *unblemish'd Character* is *misshielded* to their *Darts*; but tho' *endless Stories* of *Mismanagements*, *detracting* from *Merit*, and making *large Additions* to the most *trivial Slip*, constantly flow from their *Lips* and *Pens*, yet let the *Government* but *oblige them*, they soon forget all they said when out of *Place*; they have *done* with their *Complaints*; these *conscientious Clamourers* readily submit to their *own Interest*; and then the *COURT* is the *honestest Place* in the *World* with them: —Such is *modern Patriotism*!

Pride, and a *fond Conceit* of themselves, are very *considerable Ingredients* in the
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Composition of our Malecontents: They swell with such an *Opinion of themselves*, and of their *Fitness for Publick Employments*, that 'tis impossible, for any thing less than *continual Disappointment* to convince them, but that there is a *Necessity* for others to be *turn'd out*, that they may have room to display their *superior Qualifications*:— But this would be to cut down the Oaks that the *Shrubs* might flourish.

Being justly disappointed here; tho' several of them have formerly been in *Posts of high Honour and Trust*, are largely oblig'd to the *Throne*, and have reap'd the *Profits* of their *Prince's Confidence and Esteem*, every *Obligation* is now forgotten; and because their *personal Resentments*, and *particular Expectations* are not gratify'd, *His Majesty*, and the *whole Court*, are to be pursued with the most *malicious Reproaches* the *Party* can invent, or dare spread.

But, if we have any *real Value* for ourselves, or our *Posterity*; for the present *happy Settlement* of the *Crown*, and for our *Country*, we shall think ourselves oblig'd *strictly to examine* whether these *Reformers of Abuses*, as they pretend, are *steady in the Interest* of their *Sovereign*: Whether there is not a *Snake* in the *Grass*; and whilst the *Plea* is for *rectifying Disorders* in the *State*, there is not a *vile Design* carrying

rying on to draw us into a *Combination* to *undermine* the *Throne*.

And if we get any *Light* that they are driving at so *black* an Attempt, such *perfidious Conduct* should *fire* us, and make us *treat*, with the *utmost Indignation*, every *glittering Offer*, to *cajole* us from our *Duty*, and resolve to cleave *inviolably* to the *KING*; for, as *his Side* is *just*, so a *steadfast Adhering* to it, will be *most honourable, safe, and satisfactory*.

The *Cause* of the *King* is the *Cause* of *God* and of *our Country*; their *Interests* are *inseparable*; they can never be *parted*; but must live and die together. But what can possibly make it more evident that this is the *Design* of the *FACTION*; and that there are *those* among us, who, as *they have given out*, will be satisfy'd with *no Change* but the *highest Change*.

Not that we would suggest, that *all those*, who seem to follow them, are in the *Design* of bringing in the *PRETENDER*: God forbid! We believe on the contrary, that *many* do not see the *Consequences* of what they are *put upon*; and that they would act quite *otherwise* than they do, were they *persuaded* that the *Measures these* are pursuing, are intended to *destroy* the *Laws* and *Liberties* of their *Country*.—May they

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have their *Eyes open'd*, and *return* to their *Duty*, before 'tis *too late*.

But can any thing in the World be more *plain*, that this is the *great Point* that has been *long labouring* by the *Chief* of the *Clan*, the *HEAD* of the *FACTION*; all his *Reſentment*, every *Pretence*, he has made ſubſervient to this, his *one grand conſtant Aim*: And not a *Libel* has iſſued from his *own Hands*, or from the *Hands* of his *Helpers*, but what he has endeavour'd to render ſerviceable to the *Friends* and *Inter-eſt* of the *PRETENDER*; in *whoſe Service* he is now a *Voluntier*, in hopes of *ingratiating* himſelf again, by making amends for the *Baseneſs* and *Treachery* he formerly treated him with.

And this ſeems to be more on the *Be-half* of this *perfidious Man*, than *ſeveral*, who have *aſſiſted* and *forwarded* his *wicked Intentions*, can produce in *Juſtification* of their *own Conduct*.

'Tis certain, a late *VISCOUNT* is ſo *thoroughly infamous*, that he can never *hope* to be *employ'd*, but in the *Cauſe* of the *Pretender*: And he has even been ſo *injurious* and *unjuſt* to the *Pretender*, that *nothing leſs* than a *Sacrifice* of the *Conſtitution* and his *Country*, can ever pave his *Way* to the *Confidence* and *Eſteem* of his *Maſter*; who
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seems to have known *his Secretary* very well, as will appear in the Letter annex'd.

To go farther : If we may be allow'd to judge of what the FACTION design by what they say, 'tis *impossible* we should be a *Moment* in *Suspence*, as to the *Pretender's* being meant : Look but to the *Oracles* of the FACTION ; or rather to the *two Mouths*, which *disgorge* their *Filth* and *Venom* ; can Words form a *Declaration* more expresly in Favour of the *Popish Impostor*, than what *these* give us ?

The CRAFTSMAN is *something* the more cautious of the *Two* ; he guards his *Treason* best ; and plays an *under Part* ; and appears to have a little of the *Fear* of the *Gallows* before his *Eyes* ; whilst his *worthy Brother*, and *Fellow-Labourer* FOGG, seems to have thrown off *all Restraint* : The *Craftsman* is *underhand*, doing the *JACOBITE's Druggery*, their *dirty Work* for them ; but the *OTHER* audaciously, and with *Impudence* not to be match'd, *speaks out* ; he *scorns* to *disguise* the *Matter*, as almost every *Paper* he writes will *witness* ; He not only *prevokes* ; but even *defies* the *Justice* of his *Country*.

Was the *Protestant* a *vanquish'd Cause*, did our *happy Constitution* lye *bleeding* at the *Feet* of its *Enemies* ; and was their

KING, *as he is call'd*, at the *Head* of an *Army* in *Britain*, able to protect him; this *Agent* of the *FACTION* could not be *more insolent and daring*.

Well would it be, if *some Persons*, whose *Conduct* has been the *sole Encouragement* to such *treasonable Insolencies* towards the *THRONE*, would *seriously think* of what they are doing, before they go *too great Lengths*, and *risque the publick Peace*: — 'Tis certainly time for a *PRINCE* to take Care of *himself*, when he is *personally and openly BRAV'D and ATTACK'D*.

If after all, the Matter should be *still contested*, as *some People* will dispute *every thing*; the following *genuine Letter*, which was stop'd at the *Post-Office*, will be so *corroborating a Circumstance*; such an *additional Confirmation* of what has been advanced, that he must have an *impenetrable Front* indeed, which it makes no Impression upon.

The *Letter* we have *transcrib'd verbatim*; 'tis directed to a *Person*, who is a *PRINCIPAL* in the *Opposition* to the *Administration*; and who *FIRST* set that *Opposition* on foot: It contains *RULES* for the *FACTION* to *conduct* themselves by; and tho' he may not *himself* at all times have *strictly adhered* to them, or gone the *Lengths* they would lead him to; *tho' his Inclination*

tion to do so seems every Day to increase; Yet they are such, as have never once been deviated from, by him, who has lately assumed the almost general Direction of the FACTION's Affairs.

All that we have to *wish* is, that Mankind would *coolly and impartially* compare the *Directions* in *this Letter*, with the *Behaviour* of *those* it was *design'd* to *direct*; and that they would *determine* of the *Conduct* of a *Party* among us, which has been the *sole Cause* of *infinite Clamour* and *Uneasiness*, according as they find *their Conduct* to have been *consonant*, or *otherwise*, to the INSTRUCTION it *conveys*.

THIS must certainly open the *Eyes* of every *honest sensible Man* in the *Nation*, who may have been *imposed* upon, by the *solemn Assurances* and *specious Appearances* of *MEN*, who, *whatever they might pretend*, have been endeavouring to *ruin us now*, that they might *RULE us afterwards*.

But take the Letter referr'd to as follows.

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“ To the Hon. *W*—— *P* —— Esq;

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“ This comes to you under Cover as
 “ usual: Tho’ for some time I have not
 “ had the Honour of a Letter from you ;
 “ yet I have been informed by other Hands
 “ of all that has pass’d at *London*, and
 “ in other Parts of the Kingdom, with re-
 “ lation to our Affairs: It must be own’d,
 “ that our Friends never gave us stronger
 “ Proofs of their Zeal and Affection than
 “ since you have had the managing of
 “ them; and provided you will but go
 “ on to spirit them up, and keep them
 “ from slackening, we have Reason to
 “ hope for every thing, *from the happy*
 “ *Disposition you have already wrought them*
 “ *to*, that may contribute towards restor-
 “ ing their *L*—— *L P* —— *E*.

“ I congratulate you upon these Pro-
 “ spects with all my Heart, by this Let-
 “ ter; till I can have an Opportunity to
 “ do it by word of mouth; *which per-*
 “ *haps may be sooner than you imagine*; we
 “ ought to despair of nothing in this
 “ World. Had you carry’d your Point at
 “ the late Elections, and introduced, as
 “ *you intended*, our Friends into the House,
 “ our warmest Wishes could not, for the
 “ present,

“ present, have carry’d us beyond such a
 “ glorious Step.

“ Some few Years before you appear’d
 “ on our behalf, we were all melancholy
 “ and desponding ; but ’tis you have rous’d
 “ our drooping Spirits: The Occasion of
 “ our Languishment was, because we pre-
 “ sumed too much on our own Under-
 “ standings ; we did not conceive, that
 “ Providence could make Use of any
 “ other Methods for restoring our P — E ;
 “ than those which we on this Side the Wa-
 “ ter had propos’d ; and by a *Foreign Force*.

“ But we have now quite other
 “ Thoughts ; and are persuaded, that this
 “ great Blow must be struck by *Britain*
 “ it self ; nor are we able to conceive,
 “ how we came formerly to be so much
 “ blinded as to that Matter ; you, *Sir*,
 “ have now effectually open’d our Eyes.

“ ’Tis you, who have shewn the World,
 “ that you well understand the Secret how
 “ our Friends should conduct themselves,
 “ if they would draw over their Country-
 “ men to their Side. They, who would be-
 “ come Masters of the *English* Nation,
 “ must make Use of Mildness, Insinuat-
 “ ons, and Arguments from Self-love ;
 “ they must persuade them by plausible
 “ Reasons ; gain them by Submissions and
 “ Commendations ; satisfy the Avarice of
 “ some,

“ some, and flatter the Ambition of o-
 “ thers, sooth the Passions of all: And, if
 “ we ever bring Matters to bear, it must
 “ be by pursuing *your excellent Scheme* ;
 “ we must serve ourselves of *the Party*,
 “ which are our chief Opposers, by dex-
 “ terously setting them to destroy one ano-
 “ ther ; by fomenting Divisions and A-
 “ nimosities among them ; and by furnish-
 “ ing them with Methods to avenge them-
 “ selves on one another by turns ; and
 “ considering how successful you have al-
 “ ready been, *Sir*, in exasperating the
 “ Minds of Men ; I take this to be the
 “ only Method we can recommend to you
 “ for your Continuances, which may still
 “ be farther practis’d to the Advantage of
 “ our R—— M—— R.

“ For, to make use of *Force* we must
 “ be actually possess’d of it ; but you
 “ know, that we have no Force within
 “ the Kingdom ; and we can’t promise
 “ ourselves any from abroad ; tho’, if we
 “ could rely on any foreign Assistance, I
 “ know not whether we should venture
 “ to make use of it, till we were well as-
 “ sur’d of the greatest Part of the Nation ;
 “ for without we were so, as such Con-
 “ duct would infallibly bring on a Civil
 “ War, we cannot but know that the
 “ Confe-

“ Consequences would certainly be fatal
 “ to us.

“ This being the Case, 'tis morally im-
 “ possible therefore to pitch upon any o-
 “ ther Measures more promising of the
 “ desirable Event, than those which you
 “ yourself, and under your Patronage,
 “ have been long a trying.

“ There is another Thing to be confi-
 “ der'd, which makes this Affair still more
 “ nice and difficult; there are *Powers*,
 “ in Alliance with *Britain*, who are rea-
 “ dy to rush in with formidable Armies
 “ to its Succour, upon all Occasions; and
 “ who would not fail to do so, as soon as
 “ ever they heard, that his M—— was
 “ come to take Possession of the T——;
 “ and you can't but know, *Sir*, that our
 “ Enemies in the Kingdom would join
 “ with these; so that the Consequence
 “ would be, that unless we could destroy
 “ these Enemies beforehand; or besure of
 “ most Part of the Nation, 'twould not
 “ be possible for us to resist their united
 “ Forces: By this you may see, that we
 “ must think no more of the K——'s be-
 “ ing aided by a foreign Power; we must
 “ carefully avoid all such Intimations; or
 “ at least make Use of them with a great
 “ deal of Art; lest we provoke those to
 “ turn our Enemies again, who, by your

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“ *judicious Management*, are now become
 “ well-affected to our Cause.

“ But you and your Friends, as has al-
 “ ready been said, *Sir*, have no need of
 “ any such Advice, since the Measures
 “ you have taken, and have already found
 “ so beneficial, are quite different from
 “ them. His M — is very well inform’d
 “ of it, and has order’d me to acquaint
 “ you with his Satisfaction, and to return
 “ you his Thanks for it.

“ In the mean time ; as you have en-
 “ larged your Numbers of late ; and as in
 “ Occasions of this Nature, there are cer-
 “ tain Maxims, which ’tis good to have
 “ always in readiness, and necessary to be
 “ practis’d by all employ’d, as the Jun-
 “ cture will allow ; I am order’d to im-
 “ part our Reflections to you ; not so much
 “ for yourself, as for the guidance of
 “ those among our new Friends, who may
 “ not have had a Duplicate of what was
 “ some Years ago communicated to you,
 “ that they may make use of ’em from time
 “ to time as the Case requires. The Plea-
 “ sure with which you have formerly re-
 “ ceiv’d Memorials of this Nature, puts us
 “ in hope, that you will entertain this
 “ with the like Regard.

“ Since the Prince of *Orange*, was the
 “ great Cause of all our Misfortunes ; and
 “ that

“ that the Revolution was brought about
 “ by I know not what Affection the Peo-
 “ ple had for him, and which makes them
 “ still adhere to it; ’twill always be a
 “ great Point gain’d to lessen their Esteem
 “ of him, whom they call KING WIL-
 “ LIAM, and to blacken his Memory as
 “ much as possible. ’Twill be very use-
 “ ful to suggest, that nothing but his Am-
 “ bition, and Desire of a Crown, induc’d
 “ him to invade *England*; nor must you
 “ forget to insinuate, that the Thing he
 “ had chiefly in View was to augment the
 “ Power of the *Dutch* our mortal Enemies,
 “ and to raise them up, on the Ruins of
 “ our Country. Tell them, Sir, that
 “ this ambitious Prince perceiving the strict
 “ Alliance betwixt *King James II.* and
 “ *Lewis XIV.* whom he always hated ex-
 “ tremely, was sensible, that if that Union
 “ lasted, ’twas in the Power of *France* to
 “ humble the *Dutch* when she pleas’d,
 “ and to reduce them to such a Condition
 “ as to make no more a Figure in *Europe*
 “ by their Commerce or their Arms; and
 “ that by this means he himself should be
 “ reduc’d to a very low State. To ward
 “ off this Blow, he knew there was
 “ nothing else to be done but to invade
 “ *England*, where he did not want his
 “ Creatures; that the *Dutch*, to whom
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“ he imparted his Fears, came immedi-
 “ ately into his Measures, and thought
 “ the Matter of such Importance, that
 “ they lent him all their Forces, and left
 “ their own Country naked to go where
 “ they thought there was most Occasion
 “ for them, in order to bring so potent a
 “ Nation as ours into their own Interest.
 “ These Things, Sir, must be well ex-
 “ plain’d; and it ought to be insisted
 “ upon, that Religion and Liberty were
 “ only false Pretexts which the Prince of
 “ *Orange* made use of to cover his ambi-
 “ tious Designs. This Article is so much
 “ the more essential, because if we can
 “ once make the REVOLUTION *odious* and
 “ *black*, all that is built upon it will fall
 “ of course; and we cannot begin better
 “ than giving the People bad Impressions
 “ of *him* who was the Author of it.”

“ You must not forget those who are still
 “ its chief, its most violent Patrons. But
 “ what is most perplexing in this Affair
 “ is, that most of the Heads of these are in
 “ Parliament, and in the principal Posts
 “ of the State. But, notwithstanding
 “ this, ’twill not be difficult to represent
 “ them as Enemies to their Country, and
 “ Men of no Religion; who profess to be
 “ in the Interest of their Country for the
 “ Sake of their own Interest; but are
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“ secretly conspiring its Ruin. When
 “ once you can possess the People with
 “ these Maxims, the Restoration of our
 “ P—— may not be so far off as some
 “ would flatter themselves with.”

“ And, as we cannot make those Per-
 “ sons *too odious*, whom we desire to *de-*
 “ *stroy*, you must draw them in such Co-
 “ lours as are most likely to produce their
 “ Destruction; and in this you will find
 “ all our old Friends naturally disposed to
 “ second you; you will always find them
 “ ready to make use of the most in-
 “ vidious Expressions; and the harshest
 “ Epithets that can be thought on.—
 “ Represent the M——y then, as sense-
 “ less, and ridiculous: Endeavour to render
 “ them the Abhorrence and Contempt of
 “ the People: Tell them, that they persist
 “ in Errors, and never ending Corrup-
 “ tions to gratify their own criminal
 “ Passions; and that they have neither
 “ Knowledge or Abilities, neither Virtue
 “ or Honour belonging to them.—Tell
 “ the People, that such M——rs deserve
 “ to become Victims to publick Resent-
 “ ment.”

“ The People of *Britain* are easily per-
 “ suaded, and eagerly receive all that is
 “ told them with Confidence. Their
 “ Genius naturally leads them to this, and
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“ they embrace every thing with Fury,
 “ when their Passions are mov’d, and at
 “ at the same time animated with Senti-
 “ ments of Hatred, Interest or Revenge.
 “ There’s no Contradiction then so palpa-
 “ ble, nor Absurdity so gross, which they
 “ don’t receive with all their Hearts, and
 “ will maintain at the Peril of a thousand
 “ Lives if they had them. After this,
 “ you may judge what they are capable
 “ of doing, when once possess’d thus:
 “ But you must bring them to this in-
 “ sensibly; and according to the Methods
 “ which have formerly been settled with
 “ some of your Assistants for that Purpose.
 “ When once they have got such Notions
 “ as these in their Heads, and their Pas-
 “ sions are rais’d, our Enemies will find it
 “ vain to bring them to Temper; for
 “ they will not so much as listen to them,
 “ but treat them with Indignity and
 “ Rage. A long Banishment from my
 “ Country, has given me time enough to
 “ reflect upon all these Things, and to un-
 “ derstand the Nature of Mankind. Be-
 “ sides, I can assure you, the C—r
 “ here is of that Opinion, and persuaded,
 “ that enflaming the Populace can’t fail
 “ of being advantageous to them. Don’t
 “ be afraid then to do it. Dare boldly,
 “ and our Work may be done.”

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“ You see, Sir, that according as you
 “ are able to persuade the People, and
 “ prepare their Minds as I have mention-
 “ ed, Difficulties will be removed; and
 “ we shall gain as much Ground as our
 “ Enemies lose. In the mean time, you
 “ must use all your Efforts to fill the
 “ highest Posts with Men well affected to
 “ our Cause. For, as I have told you
 “ *oftner than once*, 'tis from them chiefly
 “ that we are to expect to come home.
 “ But now, will you say, is this practica-
 “ ble, since our greatest Enemies are
 “ equally in Possession of the Ministry
 “ and Parliament? They are headed by
 “ an able, vigilant, and active *Minister*,
 “ whom long Experience has rendered
 “ most capable to serve his Country; and
 “ who has always been found to have a
 “ particular Affection for his Country,
 “ than which, there's nothing more capa-
 “ ble to win upon the Minds of Men,
 “ and gain the People.”

“ I confess this is a great Obstacle, and
 “ I should look upon it as insuperable
 “ upon any other Occasion; yet, if you
 “ make a right Use of the Means I have
 “ propos'd, you must agree that it is not
 “ so difficult to accomplish as 'twas be-
 “ liev'd at first.”

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“ When once you have so possess’d the
 “ People, as that they look upon the *Mi-*
 “ *nistry* as on Enemies, they will be as
 “ much against them as ever they were
 “ for them; *and this, I understand, is al-*
 “ *ready begun with good Success.* Besides,
 “ you are not ignorant that a new *Mi-*
 “ *nistry* does usually bring on a new Par-
 “ liament; and that the Parliament has
 “ usually the same Influence on the *Mi-*
 “ *nistry*. I can’t well advise you with
 “ which of the two you should begin,
 “ for that depends on several particular
 “ Instances which change from time to
 “ time; but you must always be upon the
 “ Watch, and improve the happy Mo-
 “ ment when it comes; but you know
 “ too well the Management, to need my
 “ Direction in this Matter. I’ll only tell
 “ you in general, that you should under-
 “ stand represent our Enemies in the most
 “ disadvantageous Manner that can be;
 “ charge them with all that is bad; with
 “ all that the worst of Men, or the worst
 “ of Ministers could ever be chargeable
 “ with: All this must have its Weight,
 “ and may perhaps result in a *thorough*
 “ *Change.*”

“ But were there nothing to hope from
 “ this, ’tis certain, that if after having
 “ animated the People by the Methods I
 “ have

“ have hinted, you can get the *new Par-*
 “ *liament* dissolv’d, we should have a
 “ most favourable Opportunity of throw-
 “ ing all into a Flame. But, as ’twill be
 “ difficult to obtain this, so long as our
 “ Enemies are in the Ministry, it must
 “ be left to you, who are upon the Spot,
 “ to improve any Divisions and Discon-
 “ tents that may happen to be among
 “ the Chiefs of the governing Party.
 “ Then you must endeavour to gain the
 “ dissatisfy’d by Caresses, by Protesta-
 “ tions of serving them, and by pro-
 “ mising all that can flatter their Ambi-
 “ tion or Vanity. As Men are, ’tis not
 “ possible but you should catch some
 “ with this Bait, and strengthen our In-
 “ terest, by weakening theirs. ’Tis by
 “ this above all, you must gain the *Scots*
 “ L—s, and bring them to join with
 “ us, which would be a bold Stroke on
 “ our side: The People do not see the
 “ secret Springs, but always judge of
 “ Things by the Event; they look
 “ upon the Party who gain any Advan-
 “ tage, with a most favourable Eye;
 “ and afterwards often side with them
 “ accordingly.”

“ These are the Methods, Sir, which
 “ we think will be most effectual to
 “ place his M—— upon the T—— of

his AN.—RS. For my own part, I
 “ look upon them as infallible, if they
 “ be made use of with the Discretion
 “ and Prudence, which are necessary on
 “ all Occasions. You must not discover
 “ yourself too much at first, nor push on
 “ Things with too much Ardor and
 “ Precipitation. But you may, from
 “ time to time, detach as from an Army,
 “ hardy and bold Fellows, to sound the
 “ Fords, to view the Enemy, and skir-
 “ mish, with them. Such People as these
 “ being well sustain’d, and supported in
 “ due time, do sometimes draw the
 “ Enemy into Defiles, from whence they
 “ can’t get out without being beat.”

“ I would here submit it to you, Sir,
 “ whether you don’t make a little too
 “ free with the Person in Possession of
 “ the Crown of *Britain*; who has always
 “ been valued throughout *Europe* for his
 “ Heroism, and for the most excellent
 “ Qualities, and princely Qualifications:
 “ To speak between ourselves, he is cer-
 “ tainly too much beloved by the People
 “ in general; therefore too openly to
 “ attempt to undervalue, and lessen him
 “ in their Esteem, may cause too great
 “ an Alarm, and make too open a Disco-
 “ very of our Designs before we are pre-
 “ pared

“pared to put the finishing Hand to
“them.”

“If therefore, tho’ remote, I might
“advise upon this Head, it should be for
“our Friends to shew all outward Re-
“spect for the Person of the ELECT--R
“of H--N-----R; and to appear entirely
“devoted to a *Protestant Succession* in
“*Brit---n*.”

“At the same time it may be fitting,
“privately, to insinuate, that the K—G
“will turn Protestant; and if that be
“the only Obstacle in the way, however
“zealous he is at present for the Catho-
“lick Religion, I make no doubt, but
“with the Consent of his *Holiness*, he will
“outwardly, for a time, profess himself
“a Protestant.”

“I say, for a time, because I don’t
“despair, but that after he has reign’d
“peaceably for some Years, he may have
“the Happiness to bring back the Nation
“to the Bosom of the Church of *Rome*,”

“King *James* the second, who, whilst
“Duke of *York*, thought himself obliged
“to conceal his Religion, profess’d it
“publickly when he came to the Crown.
“I know that those who advis’d him to
“this Step, did it with a good Intention:
“Yet I’m of Opinion, that he had done
“better to have *dissembled* a little longer.

“ I think he ought to have stay’d till his
 “ Party had been better form’d, till he
 “ had been better assured of the Church
 “ of *England*, and till the *Catholicks* had
 “ been *increas’d* in *Number* and *Authority*.
 “ For, after all, there’s a great deal of
 “ difference betwixt a *Prince*, who pro-
 “ fessing another Religion than that of
 “ his Subjects, would oblige them to
 “ leave their own, and to follow his;
 “ and a *Prince*, who *seeming* to profess
 “ the same Doctrine with his Subjects,
 “ changes their Religion, *after he is*
 “ *assured of a Party who is capable to sup-*
 “ *port him, and to cast the Balance on his*
 “ *Side*. The latter speedily draws the
 “ whole Kingdom after him; whereas
 “ the *other* is in Opposition to all his
 “ Subjects.”

“ We must, however, confess, that
 “ the open Profession of the Catholick
 “ Religion did not at first seem preju-
 “ dicial to the Design of King *James II.*
 “ All Things succeeded according to Wish
 “ the first two Years of his Reign; but
 “ not having distinguish’d his *true Friends*
 “ from *secret Traitors*, he took precipi-
 “ tant Measures, which alienated the
 “ Minds of the People, and rendred him
 “ suspected to those, whom it was his
 “ Interest to have manag’d nicest.”

“ You

“ You will pardon me this short Digression, Sir; for since ’tis not impossible that the same thing may happen again, we cannot too frequently reflect on the false Steps then took, that we may avoid them another time.”

“ ’Tis *your Conduct* in general, Sir, join’d to the *particular Assurances* we have receiv’d from our more intimate Friends about you, of your *former Inclination*, but now *unalterable Resolution*, stedfastly to *adhere* to the Cause of our R—L M——R, that gave Encouragement for *this*, as well as for other of our *Applications*, to you some Years ago; *Applications* which, till crown’d with Success, ’tis hoped will still, *every Day*, become *more agreeable* to you.”

“ I would not swell too much the present *Directory*: This added to what has from time to time been transmitted to *your Society* from hence, will be sufficient; unless any unforeseen Incidents should make further *Applications* to you immediately necessary: His M—— awaits, and hopes the Issue of these.”

“ Tho’ before I take my leave, I have it in Command from his M—— to acquaint you how greatly he thinks himself oblig’d to you, more than to any
“ Man

“ Man in *Britain*; His M—— looks
 “ upon the favourable Turn of his Af-
 “ fairs, to be wholly owing to yourself;
 “ and, indeed, so does every Gentleman
 “ on this Side of the Water in His
 “ M——’s Interest: The K—— com-
 “ manded me to return you his Thanks;
 “ and to promise you, in *his Name*, that
 “ he won’t fail to reward your Merit
 “ when ’tis more in his Power.”

“ ’Tis you, Sir, *that has so much Credit*
 “ among the People, who is most capable
 “ of serving us; and the K—— com-
 “ manded me to assure you that the chief
 “ Dependance is upon yourself.”

“ As to L——D B—L—KE the K——
 “ knows him too thoroughly to place
 “ any particular Confidence there; tho’ he
 “ is not to be altogether rejected, because
 “ he may, by unweary’d Application,
 “ regain the K——’s Regard, which he
 “ once enjoy’d and deserv’d.”

“ But His M—— cannot forget his
 “ Secretary: The injurious Part he then
 “ acted, is still fresh in his Memory;
 “ he knows him to be *perfidious* and *base*;
 “ and has always declared that he look’d
 “ upon the Treachery of L——d B—L—KE
 “ as one great Cause that his M—— is
 “ now at *Rome*, and not at *St. J——’s*.
 “ No Side, in their Senses, will trust
 “ such

“such a Man: He is most *capable* of *de-*
“*ceiving*, and is the *greatest* of *De-*
“*ceivers*.”——

“But ’tis time to conclude; you will
“be pleased to communicate this Memo-
“rial to all our best Friends; and you
“may let them have Copies of it, if
“you please; except what relates to
“L---D B---L---KE; for as this is an Ar-
“ticle, which, in our present Situation,
“I should be sorry should reach him; I
“would pray you to communicate it to
“none but those you are sure, will,
“at least, make it a Secret to him.”

“Pray give my Service to all our
“Friends: Particularly to *W*——
“*W*——: What, *Honest Jack* lost it
“for the City! Adieu, Dear Sir. Re-
“member always the Duty you owe to
“*your Prince* and *your Country*.”

I am,

With all possible Respect,

And Affection, devotedly Yours;

Paris, Jan. 11th.

N. S. 1735.

And the Interests you serve,

A. Z.



